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Joe Budden Phones In To ESPN Radio, Talks New Slaughterhouse Eminem Collabo

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New Jersey rapper Joe Budden continues to be one of more compelling and opinionated figures in rap music. The Slaughterhouse soldier joined ESPN New York radio hosts Ryan Rucco and Robin Lundberg live on their 2nd Verse radio show this past Wednesday (February 23).

Jumpoff Joey, a known sports fanatic, touched on a variety of topics including the blockbuster trade that sent Carmelo Anthony to Joe's beloved Knicks team, his disdain of Lebron James and also talked on a new Slaughterhouse track featuring his new boss Eminem.

Joe Budden led off the interview speaking on the Melo deal. "I think I was doing jumping jacks in my house," said an approving Budden. "I been a Knicks fan forever. Diehard Knicks fan, as I always tell people, is one of the hardest things to be in the world."

Speculating further on the deal, Joe gave Carmelo's wife Lala Vasquez a majority of the credit in helping her husband land in New York City, even saying that Melo was simply being an obedient husband. "I definitely give her 75% of the credit [of making the trade happen]," Budden quipped. "The guy does what the wife says."

Not surprisingly, Budden took a shot at Miami Heat star Lebron James for not coming to New York when he had the chance during the league wide free agent frenzy to land the forward. "Lebron's a coward, I say it all the time," said the Mood Muzik rapper. "I honestly just don't think he was ready for the bright lights. I don't think he was ready for that pressure."

Rucco and Lundberg got the "Pump It Up" artist to open up about his signing with Shady Records, Eminem's importance in the game, and even giving former foe Jay-Z respect as one of the greats in hip hop when compared against Eminem, who now of course employs Joe. "They're both great in their own respective rights," remarked Joe. "Jay-Z is one of the greatest to ever do it. Eminem is definitely one of the three biggest artists in the world alongside Lady GaGa and maybe Justin Bieber. He's had huge pop success."

The hosts would not let Budden close out the show without dropping hints on when Slaughterhouse's first song with Eminem would drop. "I don't wanna let the cat out the bag, but I think very soon," said the enigmatic and charismatic Jersey native. "Very very soon, maybe before Melo plays his third game," teased Joe.